

# Education Professions

Highland High School is Making it Happen!



**WE ARE** Highland High School. We are an “A” ranked school located in Highland, Indiana, which is in the Northwest corner of the state.

**OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES** The student body of Highland High School is made up of 64.4% White, 25.9% Hispanic, 5.6% Black, 1.4% Asian, and 2.4% Multiracial. We serve 26.3% Free and Reduced lunch students and .7% English Language Learners.

**OUR TEACHERS** Highland High School has 68 dedicated teachers of varying years of experience.

## **OUR PROMISING PRACTICE** The

*Education Professions (cadet teaching) program allows students to spend two periods a day working in an elementary school under the supervision of an elementary teacher.*

*The program benefits three groups. First, the high school students gain experience working with elementary students through small and large group presentations or one-on-one work.*

*Second, the elementary teachers get an extra hand in their classroom so they are able to provide even more individual student support.*

*And third, the elementary students are assisted by the high school students making a lower students/teacher ration with group work. They also have high school role models who model appropriate behavior.*

**OUR STEPS** Students are interviewed before being placed in the program. After interviews, students are matched with an elementary teacher and classroom for a year. Students spend 6 weeks in the High School learning about teaching, the learners, lesson planning, and classroom management. After the initial 6 weeks, students spend 2 class periods a day in the elementary school and are evaluated on their performance as well as several assigned projects.

**IN OUR OWN WORDS** “Cadet teaching was one of the best experiences I have ever had. Not only did I get to learn more about being a teacher, but it also influenced me to make my final, definite decision that I wanted to be an elementary teacher.” **Bailey Whitehead, Education Profession Student 2014-2016**

“As a teacher, I see our cadets as future teachers. It’s wonderful how many of our former cadets are now in the teaching profession, some of them even in our district.” **Amanda Johnsen, 4th Grade Teacher, Warren Elementary**

“My daughter participated in the teacher cadet program this past school year. She loved everything about it especially being in the classroom and working one on one with her kindergarten students. That classroom experience was priceless and confirmed for her that she wants to pursue a career in elementary education!” **Mary Russell, Parent**

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